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TUCSON MAN WHO ROBBED FOUR BANKS SENTENCED TO OVER 17 YEARS

TUCSON, Ariz. – Bradley Alden Heywood, 50, of Tucson, Arizona, was sentenced here to 210 months, by U.S. District Judge Raner C. Collins. Heywood had pleaded guilty on December 13, 2005 to four counts of Bank Robbery. The guilty plea came on the second day of trial.

The defendant admitted to robbing four banks over a two week span, from September 13 to September 27, 2004, in Tucson. All four banks (one Citibank and three Wells Fargo branches) were contained within grocery stores and all robbed by the defendant passing a note demanding money and indicating a bomb was either on him or planted in the store that would be detonated if his demand was not met.

The defendant was arrested without incident after the probation department provided information as to his whereabouts to the Federal Bureau of Investigations. Mr. Heywood was being supervised by Federal Probation as he had been released a mere six months prior. Mr. Heywood had been sentenced to 10 years in Phoenix for Bank Larceny in connection with two bank robberies in 1995.

District Court Judge Collins sentenced the defendant to 24 additional months for violating his supervised release conditions by robbing the four banks in September of 2004. Judge Collins also ordered restitution in the amount of \$16,148. Of that, \$4,453 represented proceeds taken by Heywood from the four banks, and \$11,695 represented profits and wages lost to the Fry's Marketplace as a result of having to shutdown after the defendant had threatened having a bomb and leaving a bag behind, which was later determined to not contain a bomb. The defendant was also sentenced to serve three years of supervised release upon his release from prison with a number of conditions, including a special condition that he does all his banking by mail.

The investigation in this case was conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigations, the Tucson Police Department, the Pima County Sheriff's Department and the Arizona Department of Public Safety. The prosecution was handled by Judson T. Mihok, Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona, Tucson, Ariz.

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